

HALFMOON TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2024

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Amy Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

- *Ms. Hartle nominated Reed Moyer for chairman. Mr. Smith seconded the nomination. All are in favor; motion carried.*

5. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

- *Mr. Smith nominated Patty Hartle for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hoover seconded the nomination. All are in favor; motion carried.*

6. **APPOINT RECORDING SECRETARY**

- *Ms. Hartle nominated Meagan Beck for Recording Secretary. Mr. Moyer seconded the nomination. All are in favor; motion carried.*

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of November 8, 2023 minutes

- *Mr. Moyer moved to approve the November 8, 2023 minutes. Mr. Hoover seconded the motion. All are in favor; motion carried.*

8. **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meeting dates would be as follows: February 14<sup>th</sup>; March 13<sup>th</sup>; April 10<sup>th</sup>; May 8<sup>th</sup>; June 12<sup>th</sup>; July 10<sup>th</sup>; August 14<sup>th</sup>; September 11<sup>th</sup>; October 9<sup>th</sup>; November 13<sup>th</sup> & December 11<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

- *Ms. Fisher moved to approve the 2024 meeting schedule. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All are in favor; motion carried.*

Mr. Hartle mentioned that due to scheduling conflicts, he will be unable to continue in his role as representative to the OSPB.

9. **LAND RATING SCORING DISCUSSION**

Mr. Hartle presented charts on the existing lease land rating system, a modified land rating system, and the existing Permanent Easement Ranking system. He noted that there was a discrepancy in calculations for the lowest property size that gives those smallest properties a better score than slightly bigger properties. He suggests adopting a modified scoring system that combines the lowest two categories of properties (11-100 acres). Mr. Hartle also announced that Halfmoon Township is the largest preservation program between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Mr. Hoover asks if the board could use this modified rating system for the Permanent easement ranking system as well.

The Board reviewed some of the scores on the chart and found that using the Modified Lease Land rating system made more sense for Permanent Easement System as well.

- ***Mr. Hoover moved to accept Mr. Hartle's modified scoring system for both the Land Lease rating system and the Permanent Easement Ranking System. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Vote 5-0-1: Mr. Moyer, yea; Mr. Smith, yea; Mr. Hoover, yea; Ms. Hartle, yea; Ms. Fisher, yea; No Nays; Mr. Hartle Abstained due to not being a voting member; Motion Carried.***

#### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Smith reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to hold a joint meeting with the OSPB on February 14th to discuss financials and legalities of the OSPP. The OSPB requested that any questions and/or any specific issues be provided ahead of time so the OSPB can be prepared with responses.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- ***Mr. Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All are in favor; motion carried.***

Respectfully Submitted,



Meagan Beck